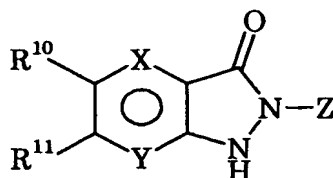


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I):



(I)

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wherein X and Y are each CR¹ or N;

one of R¹⁰ and R¹¹ is R¹ and the other is W;

- each R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy,
 10 haloC₁₋₄alkyl or haloC₁₋₄alkoxy;

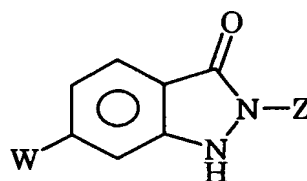
- W is a phenyl ring or a six-membered heteroaromatic ring containing one,
 two or three nitrogen atoms, which ring is optionally substituted by halogen,
 C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₂₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, cyano, nitro, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino,
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, haloC₁₋₆alkoxy, carboxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl or
 15 aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; and

- Z is a phenyl ring or a six-membered heteroaromatic ring containing one,
 two or three nitrogen atoms, which ring is substituted at least at the position
para to the attachment of the ring to the rest of the molecule by halogen,
 C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₂₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, cyano, nitro, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino,
 20 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, haloC₁₋₆alkoxy, carboxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl or
 aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1 represented by formula (IA);

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(IA)

wherein W is phenyl or pyridyl optionally substituted by halogen, C₁₋₂alkyl, C₁₋₂alkoxy, haloC₁₋₂alkyl or haloC₁₋₂alkoxy; and

- 5 Z is phenyl or pyridyl substituted at the position *para* to the point of attachment to the rest of the molecule by halogen, C₁₋₂alkyl, C₁₋₂alkoxy, haloC₁₋₂alkyl or haloC₁₋₂alkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 10 3. A compound selected from:

1,2-dihydro-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-6-(3-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridinyl)-3H-indazol-3-one;

1,2-dihydro-6-(3-methyl-2-pyridinyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-indazol-3-one;

- 15 1,2-dihydro-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-5-(3-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridinyl)-3H-indazol-3-one;

1,2-dihydro-6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-indazol-3-one;

and

1,2-dihydro-6-(3-methyl-2-pyridinyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-pyrazolo

- 20 [3,4-b]pyridin-3-one;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds of any one of claims 1-3, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof in association with
25 a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

5. A compound of any one of claims 1-3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in treatment of the human or animal body.

6. The use of a compound of any one of claims 1-3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of physiological disorders that may be ameliorated by modulating VR1 activity.

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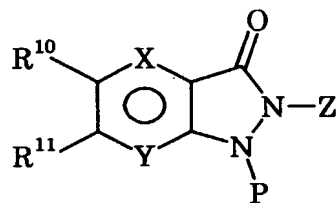
7. The use of a compound of any one of claims 1-3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a disease or condition in which pain and/or inflammation predominates.

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8. A process for the preparation of a compound of claim 1, which comprises:

(A) reacting a compound of formula (II) with a compound of formula (III):

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(II)

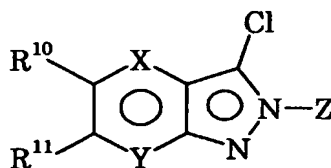
W-L

(III)

wherein W, X, Y and Z are as defined in claim 1, P is hydrogen or a protecting group, one of R¹⁰ and R¹¹ is R¹ as defined in claim 1 and the other is L¹, and one of L and L¹ is Cl or Sn(alkyl)₃ and the other is bromine or chlorine;

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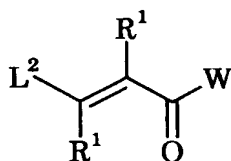
(B) reacting a compound of formula (IV) with a compound of formula (III):



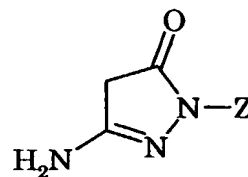
(IV)

wherein X, Y and Z are as defined in claim 1 and R^{10} and R^{11} are as defined above; or

- 5 (C) for compounds wherein X is CR^1 , Y is N, R^{10} is R^1 and R^{11} is W, reacting a compound of formula (X) with a compound of formula (XI):



(X)



(XI)

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wherein R^1 , W and Z are as defined in claim 1 and L^2 is a leaving group.

9. A method for the treatment or prevention of physiological disorders that may be ameliorated by modulating VR1 activity, which method comprises
 15 administration to a patient in need thereof of an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a composition comprising a compound of claim 1.

10. A method for the treatment or prevention of a disease or condition in which pain and/or inflammation predominates, which method comprises
 20 administration to a patient in need thereof of an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a composition comprising a compound of claim 1.